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SUBJECT: HAWKS FOR JORDAN: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY

REF: (A) STATE 231083; (B) AMMAN 6549

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY (DELIVER TO AMBASSADOR AT
OPENING OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 2)

1. YOU SHOULD DELIVER TO KING HUSSEIN ON SAME DAY AS
DELIVERY OF HAWK LOA TO GOJ LETTER CONTAINED IN THIS TELE-
GRAM. IN DRAFTING IT WE HAVE INCORPORATED MOST OF YOUR
SUGGESTIONS (AMMAN'S 6549). WE WERE NOT ABLE, HOWEVER, TO
USE LANGUAGE YOU PROPOSED CONCERNING STEPS WE WOULD BE PRE-
PARED TO TAKE HERE REGARDING DELIVERY SCHEDULE. IN MY
SEPTEMBER 18 MESSAGE TO KING HUSSEIN I SAID WE WOULD BE
PREPARED TO RAISE THIS MATTER AGAIN IF THE SITUATION HERE
IMPROVES. I CANNOT NOW BEGIN TO WATER DOWN THAT FORMULA-
TION, BUT TO AVOID RESTATING IT, WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT

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IT MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS HAVING A PESSIMISTIC FLAVOR, WE

HAVE GENERALIZED THE REFERENCE TO THE EARLIER LETTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR MAJESTY: AMBASSADOR PICKERING IS PRESENTING TO YOUR GOVERNMENT TODAY OUR LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE COVERING THE SALE OF HAWK MISSILES TO JORDAN, EARLY SIGNATURE OF WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE NECESSARY PROCUREMENT, PRODUCTION AND RELATED ACTIONS. MY PURPOSE IN WRITING YOU PERSONALLY IN THIS MATTER IS TO ASSURE YOUR MAJESTY THAT I REMAIN MINDFUL OF YOUR CONTINUING CONCERN OVER THE DELIVERY SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN PRESIDENT FORD'S SEPTEMBER 17 LETTERS TO CONGRESS AND INCLUDED IN OUR LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE, AND OF YOUR STRONG DESIRE THAT THE SCHEDULE BE SYNCHRONIZED AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR YOUR HAWK CREWS.

I INDICATED IN MY MESSAGE TO YOUR MAJESTY OF SEPTEMBER 18 MY UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR MAJESTY'S CONCERNS AND OUR VIEWS IN THIS REGARD. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR US IS TO ARRIVE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AT AN AGREEMENT ON AN OVERALL HAWK TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JORDAN. THEREFORE, WE SHALL WISH TO CONSULT WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT SOON FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCHEDULING A BILATERAL MILITARY CONFERENCE TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TRAINING PROGRAM. THUS, EARLY ACCEPTANCE BY YOUR MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF OUR LETTER OF OFFER, IN LIGHT OF OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE DELIVERY SCHEDULE PROGRAM CONTAINED IN THIS LETTER, WILL ALLOW US TO GET STARTED IMMEDIATELY ON THE PRODUCTION OF THE HAWK BATTERIES FOR JORDAN AND TO SET OUT THE REQUIRED TRAINING PLAN WHICH WILL PERMIT US TO DETERMINE THE ACTUAL STATUS OF THE SYNCHRONIZATION BETWEEN TRAINING AND DELIVERIES.

I DO NOT NEED TO TELL YOUR MAJESTY HOW PLEASED I AM THAT WE HAVE FINALLY REACHED THE POINT WHERE WE CAN BEGIN TO MOVE FORWARD ON YOUR HAWK PROGRAM AND TO PUT THE DIFFICULTIES OF RECENT WEEKS BEHIND US.

WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER

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